

(2). Applicants have demonstrated and respectfully submit that: (i) all groups of claims are properly presented in the same application; (ii) undue diverse searching should not be required; and (iii) all claims should be examined together. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction/election requirement should be withdrawn and an action on the merits of all the claims is respectfully solicited.

In view of the above, the Applicants further reserve the right to file appropriate divisional applications based on any or all of the non-elected claims.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for timely consideration of this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4146. In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4208-4146. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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